MINUTES

OF THE

Forty-Third Annual Session

OF THE

Chickasaw Baptist Assaciation,

HELD WITH

Shiloh Baptist Church,

Lafayette County, Miss.,

Commencing Friday, September 15, A. D. 1882.

Officers:

ELD. J. T. PITTS, Cherry Creek.....MODERATOR.
N. M. BERRY.....TREASURER.
ELD. G. W. POTTER.....CLERK.

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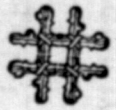

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OF THE

Chickasaw Baptist Association.

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FIRST DAY—Morning Session.

Shiloh, September 15, 1882.

The delegates composing the forty-third session of the Chickasaw Association, met with the Shiloh Church, on Friday before the third Sabbath in September, 1882.

The Introductory sermon was preached by Elder J. T. Pitts. Text—1st John iii:8. Subject—The manifestation of Christ and the destruction of the works of the devil. The sermon was concise and pointed, and delivered with earnestness. After preaching, the congregation was dismissed till 1:30 o'clock, at which time the Association met for permanent organization.

The Moderator read the 23d Psalm; prayer was offered by Eld. Z. T. Leavell.

The letters from the churches were then called for, and read by Elders D. C. M. Bigham and G. W. Potter, who were appointed Reading Clerks.

After reading the letters, proceeded to elect officers, viz.: Eld. J. T. Pitts, Moderator; N. M. Berry, Treasurer; Eld. G. W. Potter, Clerk. Elders Z. T. Leavell and W. E. Berry acting as tellers of the election.

Called for Petitionary letters.

Received a letter from Antioch Church, Marshall county, Mississippi, asking membership in this Association. Unanimously received.

Appointed a committee to arrange for preaching during the session, namely: First District—Bro. D. E. Mitchell; Second

District—Simeon Hughes, with the deacons of the Shiloh Church.

2nd. Appointed a committe to arrange the order of business, to-wit: Brethren F. Souter, G. A. Logan, H. D. Blaylock, J. D. Boatright and William Hooker.

On motion, adopted the order of business of last session, as recommended by the committee.

Called for correspondents.

Calhoun Association—Elders H. L. Johnson and T. R. Williams responded and received.

Tippah Association—Elders H. L. Finley, J. E. Buchanan and W. E. Berry.

Oxford Association—Eld. Z. T. Leavell and Bro. W. F. Bunch.

On motion, the Moderator invited all visiting brethren to seats with us during the session.

The Committee on preaching submitted the following partial report: At Shiloh to-night, Elder I. M. Gray. Lafayette Springs, Elder D. C. M. Bigham. Toccopola. G. W. Potter. To-morrow, 11 o'clock, at this church, Elder Z. T. Leavell.

On motian, a special invitation was extended to Elders A. H. Booth and Z. T. Leavell to represent their special work, as directed by the State Board. (Z. T. Leavell, Mississippi College work.)

On motion, agreed to meet with the Amaziah church, in 1883.

On motion, suspended the rule and elected Elder D. C. M. Bigham, by acclamation, to preach the Introductory sermon, and Elder C. W. Smith, alternate.

SECOND DAY—Morning Session.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder D. E. Gambrell.

Renewed the call for correspondents. None reported.

Called for the reports of standing committees.

1st. Domestic Missions. Committee being absent, on motion, suspended the regular order of business and called for the

report on Mississippi College. Elder W. W. Finley read the following report which, after instructive, earnest and forcible speeches bv Elders W. W. Finley, W. E. Berry, Z. T. Leavell and others, was adopted:

REPORT ON MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE.

This institution of learning belongs to the Baptists of Mississippi. It greatly needs an endowment. If the 70,000 Baptists in the State would give it two dollars each, that would give it $140.000. If each church member in the Chickasaw Association would give it $2 each, that would give it $5,000. How easy it would be if all our brethren could know its importance to our denominational welfare. This college is destined to be, if properly supported, the indirect educator of the future Baptists of this and other states. The strong men that have already come forth from her halls of learning are scattered all around the world. Give her an endowment and her success is assured for all time to come. From thirty to forty young ministere receive instructions at her hands anually. They pay no tuition. Is it possible for a few professors to give so much labor for the benefit of the churches and the world, and our brethren throughout the State sit idly by and see them struggle from year to year? It is impossible for this to be. Another way you can help the college is to send your sons there, where they will be free from the temptations common to college life, and will receive a higher education than they can secure at any other school for the same money.

We hope this report will not be read and forgotten, but will stir the hearts and hands of Mississippi Baptists as they have never been stirred before on the subject of higher education. We must educate or take the back seats. If we wonld "war a good warfare" we must have weapons to fight with. Education will furnish these. Endow Mississippi College, and you will have raised a moument more enduring than marble, brass or stone, and will reflect the wisdom, intelligence and piety of the Baptists of Mississippi for all time to come.

Respectfully submitted,

W. W. FINLEY, Chairman.

The following pledges were taken for Mississippi College, payable first of June, 1883.

Cherry Creek church	$ 12 00
Mt Pleasant church, by G. W. Potter	10 00
Fredonia church, by Bro. Wm. Parks	10 00
G. W. Alford, for himself	2 50
Friendship church, by J. H. Jackson	5 00
Midway church	5 00
Spring Hill church, by E. M. Harris	5 00
Bro. John T. Brown	5 00
Abbeville church, by Dr. Johnson	5 00
Piney Grove church, by T. J. Corr	2 00
Pleasant Hill church, by J. S. Brooks	5 00
J. H. Hubbard	50
W. S. Wooton	2 00
A. Boatright	1 00
New Albany church, by G. W. Potter	10 00
Toccopola church	5 00
W. W. Finley	5 20
Cash collection	9 80
Total amount	$100 00

On motion, adjourned to 1 o'clock p. m, to hear a sermon by Z. T. Leavell. The text—John iii:17. Theme—The mission of Jesus Christ. The sermon was full of rich thoughts based on Bible truth, setting forth the glory of Christ in saving and not condeming the world; was concise, comprehensive and pointed; was delivered with earnestness, meekness and pathos, and we hope it will do lasting good in the salvation of sinners.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment, Prayer by Eld. W. L. Farmer.

Eld. C. W. Smith read the following report on Domestic Missions, which, after discusson by Elders Z. T. Leavell, W. E. Berry, H. L. Finley, D. C. M. Bigham, G. W. Potter, Prof. A. J. Quinche and Elder A. H. Booth, was adopted. After other remarks by different brethren, proceeded to take pledges

to the amount of $240 50. These pledges to be paid by the first of January, 1883, if convenient; if not paid then, to be paid by the next meeting of this body.

[It is desirable that these pledges all be paid by the first of June, 1883, that the amount may appear in the report of the State Mission Board at the next meeting of the Mississippi State Convention.—CLERK.]

REPORT ON DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

The spirit of missions is the spirit of Christianity. God loved the world so intensely that He "gave His only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." He "sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved." We here see four things that look like the spirit of missions, viz.:

1. Love. "God so loved," etc.
2. The donation. "God gave His only begotten Son," etc.
3. The mercy of God. "He sent His Son."
4. The object loved. The world. "He so loved the world."

Now then, to be like our Father and Savior, we must love, we must give, we must send, and we must love the object. He loved the poor, the destitute. God has blessed us with an abundance this year, and we should feel called upon to do more for the cause of missions; for where the ability is given we are required to act; where the ability is not given, then the will is taken

> You can and yon do,
> Which is good through and through;
> You can't, but you would,
> Which is just as good.

The spirit of missions is a primary impression. I have seen many conversions and they always want to "tell it again."

In spite of all its difficulties, like leaven, it is permeating Zion rapidly. It has its opposition, and that among us. God speed the day when all the members of our churches will be missionaries. In talking upon this vital subject before churches I have been caused to weep because of the indifference with

which they treated it. O, brethren, let us quit this way of treating God's work. Let us preach it more to our churches, looking to God to bless us in so doing.

We need more earnestness on this subject, more love for it, more willingness to sacrifice for it, and more sincere thought and prayer on this very important subject. Remember that we love this "great salvation."

We have great destitution in our home bounds—the city of New Orleans, the Mississippi bottom, and other places where they need the gospel. Place yourselves in the condition in which they are, with your present information, and see what you give for the gospel. Let us do as we would be done by. Let us send it to them.

Respectfully submitted,

C. W. SMITH, Chairman.

PLEDGES FOR STATE MISSIONS.

Amaziah church	$ 15 00
G. A. Logan	5 00
Bethel, Lafayette county	10 00
Cherry Creek	55 00
Duncan's Creek	5 00
Friendship	5 00
Fredonia	10 00
Liberty	10 00
Mt. Pleasant	10 50
Mt. Pisgah	5 00
Midway	5 00
New Albany	5 00
Oak Grove	5 00
Poplar Springs	5 00
Pleasant Ridge	5 00
Pleasant Hill	10 00
Philadelphia	10 00
Shiloh. Paid. $1 by J. Keeton	5 00
Shady Grove	5 00
Salem	5 00

Spring Creek	$ 5 00
Temperance Hill	5 00
Toccopola	18 00
Union	5 00
Zion Hill	5 00
Enon	5 00
Antioch	5 00
P. H. Bumgardener	2 00
Total	$240 50
Cr.	1 00
Balance due on pledges	$239 50

The Committee on preaching make the following additional report, viz.:

Saturday night—Shiloh church, Eld. Isaac Smith.

Lafayette Springs, Eld. W. L. Farmer.

Toccopola church, Eld. J. T. Pitts.

Spring Dale school house, Eld. J. R. Johnson.

Sunday appointmens—Shiloh church, 9:30 a. m., Eld. W. E. Berry.

Shiloh church, 11 a. m., Eld. A. H. Booth.

Shiloh church, night, G. W. Potter.

Lafayettte Springs, night, T. R. Williams.

Toccopola church, night, H. L. Johnson.

Philadelphia, Presbyterian church, at 9:30 a. m., Eld. C. W. Smith.

At 11 a. m., Eld. H. L. Finley.

Monday appointments—Shiloh church, 11 a. m., Eld. W. W. Finley.

On motion, appointed the following Committee on Finance, to-wit: G. A. Logan, H. D. Blaylock and W. C. Pitts.

Received as correspondent from the Aberdeen Association, Bro. James Morris.

On motion, adjourned till 8:30 o'clock Momday morning.

Saturday night Elder Isaac Smith preached an earnest, stirring sermon from Matt. xxviii:19.

SUNDAY, AT SHILOH.

By 9:30 o'clock a.m. a large and orderly congregation was assembled in the house. Eld. W. E. Berry preached from a text in Mark ii:17. Theme—Christ the physician. The sermon was well arranged, delivered in much earnestness and feeling, and was heard by many with gladness of heart.

Eld. A. H. Booth preached at 11 o'clock, from a text in 1st Cor. iii:9. Theme—Workers and their work. The sermon was argumentative, concise and pungent, and was delivered in his own characteristic style, and will not be forgotten soon by any who heard it. The congregation remained quite orderly all the time. We pray and hope that the precious seed sown this morning will bring an abundant harvest.

After preaching took up a collection for Domestic Missions, to the amount of $16 60 cash, and pledges to the amount of $—.

At night, G. W. Potter preached from 1st Cor. x:4. Theme—The smitten rock.

MONDAY MORNING.

Met pursant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder J. R. Johnson. Proceeded with the regular order of business. Elder G. W. Potter read the following report on Foreign Missions, which, after interesting speeches by Elders W. W. Finley, W. L. Farmer, A. H. Booth and Z. T. Leavell was, with the following amendment by Bro. N. M. Berry, adopted. After some other speeches by different brethren, took a collection to the amount of $30 15.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

It has been frequently and truly said that our mission work is a glorious success. This statement has in its favor the support of facts, many and easy to be known. But we do not mean by this statement to suggest that the work is all done. The call is still heard coming from many parts of the world yet in the darkness of sin and heathenism, "come over and bring us the light of the Gospel of your salvation." The intelligence

furnished from foreign lands by our missionaries to our State paper and other channels, bringing such knowledge, is quite full of hope and encouragement. Let us stand in such an attitude that we may hear the wail of our brethren in darkness, calling for help, and at the same time where we may most distincly hear the words that thrilled the hearts of the apostles as they stood on the part of the harvest field which was first occupied by the laborers going to their appointed work under the command of the Master, and encouraged by the divine promise, "Lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the world."

Has the command, go, spoken by the Master, to the apostles, lost its power yet? No. The word has lost none of its original energy, motive or responsibility; and we, who claim to be the disciples of Christ in this age of the world, should feel that the same commission, involving the same work and responsibility, is ours truly. God grant that we may yield the same obedience, and our labors attended with similar results.

But how shall we best perform this work? We recommend the plan agreed upon at our last session, and printed in our minutes.

Since the last meeting of this body additional missionaries have been appointed to work in the foreign field, which will increase the expendituses of the Board, and consequently heighten our responsibilities. We exhort the Association to adjust themselves to its demands.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. POTTER, Chairman.

AMENDMENT.

Resolved, That the following brethren be appointed to act as missionary agents in their respective churches, whose duty it shall be to get a contribution from each member of the church, and that three-fourths of such amounts be forwarded to G. W. Leavell, Treasurer State Mission Board, Oxford, Miss., and the remaining one-fourth to be sent to Dr. H. A. Tupper, Secretary Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.

Respectully submitted,

N. M. BERRY.

Committee to report at session, 1883:

Churches.	Committeemen.
Amazian	W. L. Farmer.
Antioch	J. H. McCoy.
Abbeville	G. A, Logan.
Bethell, Lafayette county	J. T. Short.
Bethell, Union county	John Dyson.
Bluff Springs	Jas. Carter.
Cary Springs	J. L. Bratton.
Cypress Creek	John Goolsby.
Cherry Creek	N. M. Berry.
Duncan Creek	J. N. Gilder.
Freedonia	Wm. Parks.
Friendship	W. L. Souter.
Liberty	M. L. Henry.
Mt. Pleasant	W. A. Funk.
Midway	G. W. Alford.
Mt. Pisgah	S. N. Darden.
New Hope	Jas. Smith.
New Albany	E. Y. Reaves.
Oak Grove	I. N. Dodd.
Pleasant Ridge	F. M. Gober.
Pleasant Dale	J. Sullivan.
Pleasant Hill	G. W. Hall.
Philadelphia	A. S. Crockett.
Piney Gryve	T. Gorley.
Poylar Springs	J. W. Powell.
Spring Creek	H. G. Blaylock.
Spring Hill	Jno. T. Harris.
Shiloh	W. U. Hampton.
Shady Grove	Bro. Haddox.
Salem	John Rew.
Toccopola	Frank Souter.
Temerance Hill	Bro. Marshall.
Zion Hill	Bro. Welch,
Union	P. P. Watts.
Enon	D. E. Gambrell.

The Ladies Misionary Society of the Abbeville church, presented a beautiful quilt, made by their own hands, and proposed to sell the same for $10, and appropriate the money to Foreign Missions. The quilt was bought by G. W. Potter, and the $10 added to the amount of collection, making $40.15.

Called and corrected the roll of names.

Adjourned till 1 o'clock to hear sermon by Elder W. W. Finley. Text, 2d Cor. xiii:11. The sermon was an earnest, brief and encouraging exhortation to the brethren.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by Elder C. W. Smith.

Elder D. E. Gambrell read the following Report on Education, which was adopted:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Education means development. It begins at the cradle but we can not say that it ends at the grave. It is an established fact, we think, that there is an advancement, an expansion of man's faculties in the great future. When man makes such progress, even in this brief life, although impeded by the influences of evil and the depravity of the heart, may we not look forward to the nobler and better attainments in the life to come? The educated enjoy many advantages over the uneducated. Men of culture reap pleasures and gather flowers which are never seen by the uncultivated. Besides, experience and observation teach that mind, and not matter, is the true source of power among men. Never can any people expect to gain or hold their true position in the scale of being, who do not foster education. This is true with classes as well as individuals. The man who fails to secure for his children a liberal education, places them at a great disadvantage in the world. So those who neglect this important matter may expect to reap the consequences. The questian arises, are we advancing or are we retrograding in this important matter? We think we are advancing. Never before has the spirit of education so generally prevailed among our own people. The large numbers of pu-

pils who are crowding the school-rooms, the many schools and colleges which are being built up in our own county warrant this conclusion. If we would be a prosperous and happy people, let us remember that we must educate.

Respectfully submitted,

D. C. M. BIGHAM,
D. E. GAMBRELL,
Committee.

Called for Report on Sabbath-schools. Elder W. L. Farmer read the following, which, after remarks by Elder W. L. Farmer, was adopted.

Your Committee on Sunday-schools submit the following report:

REPORT ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

It is the part of wisdom in our church work, to give special attention to those things that are productive of most good. No department promises more than the Sunday-school. In this, every member of the church may find a place to work. Here the materials are abundant. Those churches that have live active Sunday-schools are more prosperous than those that have none. While this fact is genarally admitted, we are pained to note the woeful negligence of this part of the church work. It is to be lamented, that a work so productive of good, so comprehensive in its materials, so full of advantages to the young and blessings to the old, and so fruitful to the cause of Christ should be so sadly neglected.

Strange as it may appear, while all admit the great utility o Sunday-schools, they are few in number. Let us determine, that through God's blessing, it shall not always be thus.

The importance of the work may be seen in its aims. It disseminates a knowledge of God's word; it stores the mind with Biblical truths; it leads to Christ; it cultivates all the Christian graces; it furnishes food for the mind and soul. It is as important this food be pure and wholesome as that of the body. The mind, yea, the spirit of the man, hungering and thirsting, will feed upon something, and it will partake of the

nature of the food it eats. How important, therefore, that the Sunday-school, which abounds with food so necessary to our eternal welfare, should be open to our children.

Some one has said that the devil has a Sunday-school work going on in the dark alleys, and street corners of cities and towns, and in the country on creeks, lakes, orchards, everywhere he can collect a number of agents of wickedness and death. To these our children will go if not provided with Bible Sunday-schools. Let the Christian parents decide to which of these he would have his children go. If he would keep them from the devil's school, they must go to a Bible school, at home or at some convenient place, where God's eternal truth is taught. By this plan the device of the devil is thwarted, and his power, in a measure, broken.

Let us consider the time that may be given to this great work. The Sabbath is the Lord's day. It is right to give the day to the Lord's work, to religious duties, and the study of God's word. In seven days there is one Sabbath; in seven weeks there is one week of Sabbaths; in seven years there is one whole year of Sabbaths. What a vast fund of Biblical knowledge could be gained in one year of faithful study of God's word! Brethren, how many years of Sabbaths have we enjoyed? Alas! how little have we done! Let us see to it, that our children shall have the advantages of the Sabbath-school, that they may profit by our mistakes and accomplish more than we have done.

We believe that the churches should take the oversight of the Sunday-school; should examine closely its literature, and avoid all compromise books or papers into which error creeps in the guise of truth, or where some part of the truth is excluded, because, forsooth, it offends some valued friends. Let us have the truth in love.

We recommend that the Sunday-school interest be merged into our Union Meetings, that it may be more fully and freely discussed. May the time soon come when every church in our bounds shall have a live Sunday-school.

Respectfully submitted,

W. L. FARMER, Chairman.

Called for Report on State of Religion.

Elder J. R. Johnson read the following report which was adopted:

REPORT ON STATE OF RELIGION.

On an examination of the church letters to this Association we find favorable reports as to the spiritual prosperity of our glorious cause. Quite a large number of accessions have occurred, both by baptism, letter and restoration, during the last associational year, and also the churches, with but frw exceptions, have been greatly revived. We attribute, in a great measure, our success to the faithfulness with which the Gospel has been preached by our faithful ministers; also, much of it is owing, in our judgment, to our faithfulness as missionaries, making assidious efforts to spread the gospel, both at home and abroad. The Lord is ever ready to bless the people when they manifest their ardor in the work of missions. Therefore we urgently recommend an increased interest in this great cause. Nothing inspires more zeal for the cause of the salvation of souls.

Respectfully submitted,

E. HALE, Chairman.

REPORT ON FINANCE.

Your Committe on Finance ask leave to report the following amounts sent up for minutes, viz:

Amaziah	$ 1 50	New Albany	$ 1 60
Abbeville	1 40	Mt. Pleasant	1 15
Bethel, Lafayette co...	1 50	Mt. Pisgah	75
Bethel, Union county..	40	Midway	70
Bluff Springs	1 50	New Hope	1 00
Cypress Creek		Oak Grove	1 35
Cherry Creek	4 00	Poplar Springs	30
Cary Springs	50	Pleasant Ridge	80
Duncan Creek	1 00	Pleasant Hill	2 00
Friendship	1 00	Philadelphia	1 50
Fredonia	1 00	Piney Grove	80
Liberty	1 60	Spring Hill	1 65

Pleasant Dale	$ 45	Temperance Hill	$ 75
Shiloh	2 00	Toccopola	2 00
Salem	1 00	Union	2 00
Shady Grove	75	Zion Hill	30
Spring Creek	1 60	Enon	1 00
		Antioch	1 00

Total amount, $41 85.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. A. LOGAN,
W. C. PITTS,
H. D. BLAYLOCK,
Committee.

The Treasurer submitted the following:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

N. M. BERRY, Treasurer,

In account with Chickasaw Association.

1881.			DR.
Oct. 21,	To cash, per Rev. B. B. Smith		$ 1 00
" " "	Oak Grove Church		1 25
" " "	Liberty "		50
" " "	Shiloh "		1 50
Jan. 25, 1882.	To cash from Toccopola Church		12 25
Feb. 8, "	" "	Amaziah "	2 75
Mar. 3, "	" "	Bethel " L. C.	5 00
" "	" "	Cherry Creek	20 00
" "	" "	Union	5 00
Jan. 3, "	" "	Pleasant Hill, paid L. Ball	13 20
" "	" "	Fredonia, paid L. Ball	12 10
" "	" "	Friendship, " "	13 10
" "	" "	New Albany " "	2 95
" "	" "	" " L. M. Society	3 30
" "	" "	Liberty Church paid L. Ball	10 15
" "	" "	Cherry Cr'k " " "	21 00
" "	" "	" " L. M. Society	5 00
" "	" "	Mt. Pleasant " paid L. Ball	16 70
" "	" "	New Hope " " "	2 05
" "	" "	Duncan's Cr'k " " "	5 25
" "	" "	Philadelphia " " "	8 05
" "	" "	Bethel "U.C." "	2 00
" "	" "	Pleasant Dale " " "	1 25
" "	" "	Cypress Cr'k " " "	3 00
" "	" "	Bluff Springs " " "	60

"	"	"	"	Shiloh " " "	.....$ 1 20
"	"	"	"	Toccopola " " "	..... 6 80
"	"	"	"	Bethel L. C. " " "	..... 4 25
"	"	"	"	Abbeville " " "	..... 7 50
"	"	"	"	Midway " " "	..... 5 10
"	"	"	"	G. W. Alford " "	..... 5 00
"	"	"	"	Enon " " "	..... 4 25
"	"	"	"	Saline " " "	..... 8 90
"	"	"	"	Amaziah " " "	..... 1 40
"	"	"	"	Mt. Pisgah " " "	..... 4 20
"	"	"	"	Shady Grove, " " "	..... 3 00
"	"	"	"	Pleasant R'ge " " "	..... 5 25
"	"	"	"	Spring Creek " " "	..... 5 85
"	"	"	"	Temperance Hill " "	 90
"	"	"	"	Cherry Creek Ladies' Miss'y Soc.ty...	6 00
Aug. 13.	"	"	"	Pleasant Ridge church paid H. L. F.	5 00
Sept. 16.	"	"	"	Bethel Church, L. C.....	2 05
"	"	"	"	Liberty "	5 90
"	"	"	"	Spring Hill "	1 30
"	"	"	"	G. W. Hall	1 00
"	"	"	"	Public collections	18 40
"	"	"	"	Pleasant Ridge church.....	5 00
"	"	"	"	Collections for Foreign Missions.....	15 15
				" Mississippi College.....	9 80
					$201 55

Contra. Cr.

Sept. 16, 1882.	By amount paid G. W. Leavell, Treasurer of State Mission Board at sundry times	$176 60
Sept. 18, "	By amount paid Z. T. Leavell. Agent Mississippi College.....	9 80
" "	By am't sent Dr. Whitfield by Bro. Booth, for F. M.	15 15
		$201 55

Respectfully submitted,

N. M. BERRY, Treasurer.

Elder I. Smith submitted the following:

REPORT ON DOCUMENTS AND PUBLICATIONS.

We, your committee to whom was referred the report on Documents and Publications, respectfully submit the following:

We recommend the brethren to take the *Baptist Record*, the *Baptist*, the *Foreign Mission Journal*, and *Kind Words*. That the clerk superintend the printing and distributing of the min-

utes of the Association, and that he have so much of the proceedings of the Union Meetings published as relates to the time and place of meeting; also the names of brethren appointed to preach stated sermons, those to write essays, and the queries selected for discussion; and that he be allowed $7.50 for his services.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC SMITH, Chairman.

The following appointment of correspondents was made:

Calhoun—J. W. Powell, J. B. Hughes, S. Hughes, J. R. Johnson T. A. McCaulley and W. L. Mullins.

Tippah—C. W. Smith, W. L. Farmer, A. Guyton, R. E. Fowler, A. J. Marshall, G. W. Potter and F. M. Gober.

Judson—I. Smith, A. Guyton, J. M. C. Tucker, J. T. Pitts, G. W. Potter and W. A. Funk.

Oxford—J. W. Powell, Simeon Hughes, G. A. Logan, J. B. Smith, G. W. Alford, J. R. Johnson, E. Hale, J. T. Short, N. M. Berry and C. W. Smith

Aberdeen—J. T. Pitts and J. M. C. Tucker.

Cold Water—J. R. Johnson, G. A. Logan, H. D. Blaylock, J. T. Brown and J. H. Morgan.

Tishimingo—C. W. Smith, N. M. Berry, W. C. Pitts, A. Guyton, T. Jackson and J. T. Pitts.

Baptist State Convention—N. M. Berry, J. R. Johnson, C. W. Smith, G. A. Logan, H. D. Blaylock, J. T. Brown, G. W. Potter and J. W. Powell.

RESOLUTIONS.

The following resolutions were read by N. M. Berry, and unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, Our beloved Brother, Elder W. W. Finley, expects soon to remove from this Association and State; therefore,

Resolved, By the Chickasaw Baptist Association, now in session, that it is with profound sorrow and regret that we contemplate our approaching separation.

Resolved, That in him we recognize a true, able, faithful and self-sacrificing minister of the Gospel, endeared to us for his work's sake, as well as for his pious, Christian deportment.

Resolved, That we recommend our dear brother, wherever he may go, as an able and faithful exponent of Baptist doctrine and principles, ever ready to contend earnestly for the faith of our blessed Gospel.

Signed by order of the Association.

G. W. POTTER, Clerk. J. T. PITTS, Moderator.

The following resolution was read by Eld. W. W. Finley, and adopted, to-wit:

WHEREAS, It is important that the history of this Association be merged into a permanent history of the Baptists of the State of Mississippi, now preparing for the press; therefore,

Resolved, That each church in this Association be requested, at the earliest moment, to prepare a short history of its constitution, the names of pastors having served, the number of members now, Sabbath-schools if any, number of scholars, salary of pastor, amount of money paid for missions or other benevolent purposes, and send the same to Bro. H. F. Sproles, Jackson, Mississippi.

The following resolution was read by Eld. Isaac Smith, and adopted, to-wit:

Resolved, That the churches hereafter be requestd to add to their statistical table the amounts paid their partors, expended on church buildings, Home or State Missions, ministerial education, and seminary. And also a complete list of their deceased members, that the same may be published in the minutes.

The following resolution was read by Eld. J. R. Johnson, and adopted, to-wit:

Resolved, That we tender our thanks to our officers for their faithfulness in the discharge of their respective duties. Also, we wish to express our gratefulness to the ladies for their abundant hospitality shown to us as an Association, during the present session in their midst.

The Moderator appointed the following committees of Chickasaw Association, for 1883:

Domestic Missions—Elder C. W. Smith, F. Souter and J. E. Boatright.

Foreign Missions—Elder D. C. M. Bigham, N. M. Berry and W. L. Souter.

Mississippi College—G. W. Potter, F. Souter and J. T. Short.

Education—J. S. Brooks, G. W. Hall and G. S. Mitchell.

Sunday-schools—Elder I. N. Grey, S. Darden and F. M. Terrell.

Temperance—Elder I. Smith, B. J. Caldwell and T. D. Brandon.

Documents—Elder J. H. Morgan, Simeon Hughes and G. U. Hampton.

State of Religion—Elder J. R. Johnson, W. P. Hooker and T. Gorley.

On motion, the Association adjourned to meet with the church at Amaziah, three miles northeast of cornersville, in Union county, on Friday before the third Sabbath in September, A. D. 1883.

Thus closed another interesting and harmonious session of the Chickasaw Baptist Association.

G. W. POTTER, Clerk. J. T. PITTS, Moderator.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Call for correspondence.
2. Determine place of holding the next session of this Association.
3. Elect a minister to preach the introductory sermon at the next Association.
4. Call for reports of standing committees, viz.:

First—Domestic Missions.
Second—Foreign Missions.
Third—Sabbath-schools.
Fourth—Education.
Fifth—Mississippi College.
Sixth—Temperance.
Seventh—State of Religion.
Eighth—Documents and Publications.

5. Report of Executive Board, and appointments of same.
6. Report on Finance.
7. Report of Treasurer.
8. Appoint correspondents.
9. Appoint committees to report at our next Association.
10. General business and resolutions.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

W. W. Finley, Toccopola.
E. McGregory, "
C. W. Smith, "
G. W. Potter, Cherry Creek.
J. T. Pitts, "
D. C. M. Bigham, "
I. Smith, Wallerville.
R. E. Fowler, Beulah.
J. A. Johnson, Randolph.
Thos. Gorley, "
J. P. Johnson, "
H. B. Vaughan, Liberty Hill.
J. H. Morgan, Bethlehem.
Wm. Langston, New Albany.
B. B. Smith, Lafayette Springs.
I. M. Gray, Cornersville.
W. L. Farmer, "
J. R. Johnson, Abbeville.
H. L. Kidd, Esperanza.
A. J. Gains, Waterford.
J. P. Rogers, "
D. E. Gambrell, Bethlehem.
F. M. Ferrell, Toccopola.

LICENTIATES.

J. E. Murphy, Toccopola.
J. M. Cleaveland, New Albany.
R. M. Bell, Pontotoc.
W. L. Mullins, Dallas.
G. J. Robbins, Esperanza.
W. F. Butler, Hickory Flat.
Wm. Miller, Oxford.
J. M. Huckaby, Malino.
R. E. Fowler, Pontotoc.
P. P. Watts, Dallas.
W. N. Swain, Cornersville.
T. J. Verner, Randolph.
Bennet Suter, Randolph.

The Union Meeting of the First District meets with the Pleasant Ridge Church, in the northeast part of Union county, Thursday before the fifth Sunday in July, 1883. Elder J. T. Pitts to preach the introductory sermon; Elder G. W. Potter, alternate.

The following brethren were selected to write essays on the subjects written in connection with their names.

1. The Mission of the Church—N. M. Berry.
2. Adoption—D. E. Mitchell.
3. On the Duty of Pastors to Indoctrinate the Churches—S. C. Darden.
4. The Resurrection—J. B. Stewart.
5. The Judgment—D. C. M. Bigham.
6. Christian Deportment—J. S. Fitzgerald.

7. The Best Method of Raising the Pastor's Support—W. L. Souter.

8. Duties of the Churches to the Poor—I. Smith.

9. The neglect of Christians to Search the Scriptures—T. D. Brandon.

10. The Church of Christ and its Ordinances—J. T. Pitts.

11. Brotherly Kindness—J. A. Rogers.

12. Temperance—J. S. Brooks.

13. Family Government—G. W. Potter.

14. Benevolence—A. B. Knox.

QUERIES.

1. Does the good accomplished by Union Meetings justify their continuance?

2. What course should a church pursue with members who refuse to assist in the support of the Gospel?

3. What idea did Paul intend to convey in the 13th verse of the 8th chapter of 1st Corinthians?

R. B. PITTS, Clerk. Elder I. SMITH, Moderator.

The Union Meeting of the Second District, meets with the Cary Spring Church, Thursday before the second Sunday in August, A. D. 1883. Elder C. W. Smith to preach the Introductory sermon, and I. M. Gray, alternate.

The following brethren were appointed to write essays:

1. Election—C. W. Smith.

2. The Christian's Hope—P. P. Watts.

3. A Gospel Church; What is It?—G. E. Murphy.

4. Are Sunday-schools Profitable to Churches?—J. T. Ferguson.

5. The best Method of Promoting Sunday-schools—F. M. Ferrell.

6. The Duty of all Christians to Support Missions—J. R. Johnson.

7. Who are the Baptists, and Whence came They?—W. W. Finley.

8. On the Duty of Pastors to Interdoctrinate their Churches.—Thos. Gorley.

9. On the Duty of Exhortation—Wm. Miller.

10. On the Responsibility of the Ministry—J. H. Morgan.

11. On Ministerial Efficiency—A. J. Gains.

12. On Ministerial Deportment—C. McGregory.

13. On the Discouragement in the way of Ministerial Success—W. L. Mullins.

14. The Responsibilities of Deacons—J. T. Short.

15. On the Best Method of Raising the Pastor's Support—A. S. Crockett.

Elder THOS. GORLEY, Moderator.

F. M. LOPER, Clerk.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Churches.	Pastors.	Postoffice.	Names of Delegates.	Baptized	Received by Letter.	Excluded	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Died	Total Membership.	Day of Meeting.
Amaziah	W. E. Berry	Conersville	I. M. Gray, W. L. Farmer and H. H. Anderson	6	...	1	4	2	2	92	2, Sabbath
Abbeville	S M. Stewart	Abbeville	J. R. Johnson G. A. Logan and J. B. Smith	4	1	2	3	10	1	81	3, "
Antioch	H. L. Finley	Pott's Camp	F. M. Loper, W. L. F. Jarrett and Jas. H. McCoy	9	11	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bethel, L. C.	C. W. Smith	Oxford	J. T. Short, W. E Crow and W. F. Nabors	9	5	...	...	5	1	68	1, "
Bluff Springs	T. Gorley	Denmark	J. P. Hasting, W. H. Miller and J. J. Carter	5	3	1	...	5	1	48	2, "
Bethel U. C.	I. M. Gray	Esperanza	J S. Dyson, G. J. Robbins and J. W James	10	7	...	3	2	1	100	2, "
Cypress Creek	F. M. Ferrell	Liberty Hill	John Goolsby, A. Owens and J. W. Gardener	...	...	...	...	...	1	40	4, "
Cherry Creek	D C. M. Bigham	Cherry Creek	G. W. Potter, J. T. Pitts and D. C. M. Bigham	16	...	1	1	8	3	172	2, "
Carey Springs	E. McGregory	Randolph	J. L. Fergusod and Lewis Bratton	3	3	...	2	...	1	68	4, "
Duncan's Creek	J. T. Pitts	Toccopola	H. A. Patterson P. N. Gilder and W. P. Hooker	7	10	...	...	...	...	46	4, "
Friendship	D. J. Austin	Cherry Creek	J. H. Jackson, J. P. McCarver and W. W. Wells	...	2	...	1	...	...	58	3, "
Fredonia	C. W. Smith	Fredon a	Wm. Parks and B. Smith	7	1	3	3	6	...	95	4, "
Liberty	D. J. Austin	Cherry Creek	B J. Caldwell, W. C. Pitts and T. D. Brandon	1	3	1	...	6	2	75	2, "
Mt. Pleasant	G. W. Potter	Wallersville	D. E. Mitchell I Smith and J. F. Coleman	2	3	1	2	6	...	127	1, "
Mt. Pisgah	I. Smith	Darden	H. D, King and John Beard	7	5	3	1	2	...	100	2, "
Midway	J. R. Johnson	Caswell	G. W. Anderson G. W. Alford and J. A. Anderson	...	7	...	...	...	...	43	3, "
New Hope	J. T. Pitts	Pontotoc	W. H. Seal, J. T. Neely and James Smith	5	...	...	...	6	1	98	1, "
New Albany	G. W. Potter	New Albany	E. Y. Reaves	23	...	...	...	11	1	60	3, "
Oak Grove	I. Smith	Myrtle	W. B. Grisham, I N. Dodds and Thos. Swain	6	2	...	...	4	3	100	1, "
Poplar Springs	W. W. Finley	Delay	S. Hughes, Robert Gossett and J. W. Powell	1	5	...	...	2	...	40	2, "
Pleasant Ridge	A. B Smith	Molino	A. Guyton, W. R. Williams and G. W. Hines	2	1	1	...	...	...	145	1, "
Pleasant Hill	I. Smith	Keonville	G. W. Hall, Wm. Ford and J. S. Brooks.	1	5	...	...	1	...	175	4, "
Philadelphia	W. W. Finley	Walton	J. Baker, A. S Crockett and E. Hale	23	17	...	3	1	1	115	1, "
Piney Grove	T. Gorley	Toccopola	T. Gorley, T. J. Carr and B. F. Anderson	...	1	...	1	1	1	37	1, "
Pleasant Dale	I. M Grey	Liberty Hill	J. E Sullivan and J. G. Robertson	1	...	1	...	4	1	17	4, "
Spring Hill	W. F. Davis	Pontotoc	Wm. Wardlow, J. C. Collins and T. F. Harris	1	1	2	...	2	1	68	3, "
Shiloh	W. W. Finley	Lafayette Springs	G. U. Hampton J. Gray and G. E. Murphy	...	2	3	1	12	1	72	3, "
Shady Grove	...	Esperanza	H. L. Kidd, T. C. Browning and T. E. Buck	5	...	...	1	3	...	67	...
Salem	H. M. Long	Conersville	J. J. Johnson, W. W. Blackard and W. T. Holland	1	...	2	...	9	1	94	4, "
Spring Creek	W. L. Farmer	Waterford	H. D. Blaylock, J P. Bonds and J. T. Bonds	3	4	...	1	10	2	95	1, "
Temperance Hill	H. L. Finley	Holly Springs	A. J. Marshall, T C. Caldwell and J. E. Beatright	6	5	...	...	1	1	17	3, "
Toccopola	C. W. Smith	Toccopola	C. W. Smith, F. M. Ferrell and F. Sou er	8	10	...	...	5	1	74	2, "
Union	C. W. Smith	Dal as	F. M. Vines, W. L. Mullins and P. P. Watts	2	8	...	...	...	...	92	3, "
Zion Hill	I. M Grey	New Albany	R. E. Fowler, J. P. Yate and Samuel Welsh	9	5	4	1	4	...	58	3, "
Enon	D. E. Gambrell	Bethlehem	D. E. Gambrell, C. T. Jeffries and J. H. Morgan	1	5	...	...	...	...	23	1, "
Total	...	...	...	184	132	26	28	128	28	2670	...